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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 9, 2004 was filed before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on March 19, 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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